

April xx, 2000

{Addressed to:}

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As a co-lead agency, the [name of agency, e.g., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] (the "co-lead agency, e.g., USACE") has read the Biological Assessment prepared for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program ("Program") and concurs with its findings. The USACE hereby requests that you transmit on its behalf the BA to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for the purpose of initiating joint federal Section 7 consultation over possible impacts to species listed under the Endangered Species Act that may result from the implementation of the Program.

We concur with the identification of the State of California Resources Agency ("Resources Agency") as an applicant for the purposes of the consultation and request that you identify the Resources Agency as such in the request for Section 7 consultation to USFWS and NMFS.

The point of contact in our agency for this action is \_\_\_\_\_, at (provide phone number and mailing address). Please ensure in the request for consultation that this individual is identified as the point of contact in our agency for notices of meetings that occur during the consultation and as the designated recipient of copies of correspondence, including any draft biological opinions issued by the USFWS and NMFS on the Program.

Thank you for your assistance in facilitating the Section 7 consultation process.

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